

PATENT

REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated July 7, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated September 16, 2005 have been received and carefully considered. In this response, claims 10-21 and 29-31 have been canceled without prejudice, claim 5 has been amended to correct informalities, and new claims 34-38 have been added. New claims 34-38 are similar in scope to allowed claims 5-9, and the new claims should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claims 5-9. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in the present application is respectfully requested.

Anticipation Rejection of Claims 10-21 and 29-31

At page 3 of the Final Office Action, claims 10-21 and 29-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Hinchley (U.S. Patent No. 6,490,250). In an effort to advance the present application to issuance, claims 10-21 and 29-31 have been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of the anticipation rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0441.

Respectfully submitted,

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